

Pirate Hunt In Aegean Revives Old Customs

Athens, Feb.—The British Navy is back at an old job—hunting pirates! This time in the waters of the blue Aegean.

This piece of startling news is vouched for by a high military authority here in Athens who told us in a matter-of-fact manner that his seagoing colleagues had been called on to begin an anti-pirate campaign.

The pirates had become quite bold, he explained, and a number of incidents had occurred. The British were, therefore, undertaking in order to encourage Greek coast-wise and between-island trade.

Since this story was too promising to limit to such a bare announcement, I hunted around for someone who could tell me a bit more and I had the good fortune to find a Greek journalist who knew all about it.

He explained that the law-breakers in question were also brigands and that their activities had been a part of the Greek landscape for a long time.

The main scene of activity is in the Cyclades Islands which are about a score in number, are situated southeast of Athens, and have been famous throughout all time as the scene of some of the most

Gripsholm Comes

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 25.—The exchange ship Gripsholm arrived Wednesday from Marseille, France, carrying 1,206 soldiers and civilians, among whom were a large number of seriously ill and wounded American and Canadian prisoners of war.

The passengers included 463 American soldiers, 78 Canadian soldiers and 665 civilians—Americans and nationals of Mexico, Venezuela and Peru. The white ship, flying the neutral Swedish flag, pulled in at pier after a 13-day voyage.

Study Offered To 1,100 Vets In New York

Albany, N. Y., Feb.—With the addition of approximately 700 veterans for scholarships in December last, New York State is now providing college or trade training for about 1,100 of the 1,200 scholarships voted at the 1944 legislative session.

The State Education Department which administers the law, found it had more scholarships than applicants, so that it was possible to permit veterans with a passing mark to become eligible for the \$350 a year award for tuition at an approved institution of learning anywhere in the State. The State does not pay for books or for maintenance and the tuition is paid directly to the college or trade school the veteran has selected as best fitted for his requirements.

About 50 veterans declined the award, some of them saying they preferred the Federal grant of \$500 for a year on tuition. The majority of those who preferred the Federal grant did so for a year of graduate work either in a college course or a trade school where they left off to join the armed forces.

The State is doing much for the returning soldier, as is evidenced in legislation pending before the two houses. These measures include the establishment of seven state institutions for instruction in the arts and crafts, a state bonus, business loans for veterans who wish to establish a small business, preference in civil service positions, educational qualifications, hospital care, state loans to veterans for housing, loan from banks, a service emblem and unemployment insurance benefits.

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FREEDOM GIVES ALL AMERICANS THE CHANCE TO DO GREAT THINGS.

Maverick Urges Aid For Poor In Congress

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Morgenthau Says No Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said Feb. 14 little if any reduction in tax rates should be anticipated until major fighting ceases on all fronts.

In his annual report sent to Congress, he said the exact timing of tax reductions to stimulate private enterprise is "an important and difficult problem."

"The national debt should be reduced after the war," he said. "Insofar as this is compatible with the maintenance of full employment, Whittling down the debt must be

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Proposed Oil Treaty Discussed

Washington, Feb.—Chairman Tom Connally (D) of Texas of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced Feb. 14 that the proposed Anglo-American oil treaty will be discussed at a meeting opening February 22 of representatives of the State Department, oil industry, and his committee.

Originally submitted to the Senate several months ago for ratification, the oil treaty later was withdrawn after it had encountered severe objections from the American oil industry.

State Department officials re-considering the original pact, which contemplated joint exploitation of world oil resources by the British and United States governments, have had under study a substitute proposed by the Petroleum Industry War Council.

Mail Rules Given For Luzon Area

Washington, Feb.—The War Department has issued instructions for addressing mail to military personnel and civilians freed from Japanese prison camps on Luzon.

Mail should be addressed in this fashion: Name of person (use serial number for military personnel), American Red Cross, Civilian War Affairs Section, APO 442 c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Mail will be limited to letters and postcards.

Turtle Joins Fire Company

CHICAGO—Lt. Frank Coyne was examining fire hose when members of Company No. 37 returned from a fire. As the hose was being unrolled to dry, out crawled a turtle. Nobody knows how it got there. Coyne said the turtle was evidently somebody's pet because it had the number 13 painted on the back of its shell. The firemen kept it as a mascot.

Submarines Get Many Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Twenty-five more Japanese vessels, including three combat ships, have been sunk in Far Eastern waters by United States submarines.

A Navy announcement today said the fighting ships included an escort aircraft carrier, a destroyer, and a large converted cruiser.

Noncombatant vessels included a

medium transport, 14 medium cargo vessels, three small cargo vessels, a large cargo transport, two medium cargo transport and a small transport.

The announcement raised to 1,045 the total number of Japanese ships

sunk by American submarines since the start of the war. These include 110 combat and 935 noncombatant craft.

Sinkings announced by the Navy since Jan. 1 have totalled 121 ships.

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